

REMARKS

Pursuant to the filing of the above-referenced Request for Continued Prosecution, Applicants cancel pending claims 27 through 49 without prejudice or disclaimer, and file new claims 50 through 72 for examination, which are believed to be drawn to a patentably distinct and non-obvious combination. Consideration for allowance of Claims 50 through 72 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the claims presented herein are distinguishable and non-obvious over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully solicit an early notice to the effect that all claims are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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